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Applicant: Brian Burchell : Art Unit: 1655
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Responsive to the Official Action dated **December 18, 2000**, please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-13 with the following amended claims:

1 1. (Amended) Use of a test in clinical drug trials as a method
2 to improve the efficacy of such trials, which comprises the steps of screening
3 samples from participants or potential participants for the basis of Gilbert's
4 Syndrome and eliminating participants having the genetic basis of Gilbert's
5 Syndrome from the trial or including such participants in the trial and
6 interpreting the results thereof based on the knowledge of such participants'
7 possessing or not possessing the genetic basis of Gilbert's Syndrome.